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THE UNDERGROUND

Rez Pets Evicted

By Allan Wong
Steven Ho
Peter MacMartin

Scarborough Campus administration has decided to enforce an existing rule which prohibits pets from staying in Scarborough Campus Residences.

Gordon Nagel, Dean of Residence, and Penelope Laycock, Manager of Residence said that the rule will be enforced because pets cause health and maintenance problems.

"One of my major concerns is rabies. There is an outbreak of rabies and I don't want people to have to have painful rabies shots." Laycock explained.

She added, "In India, I was bitten by a monkey. I know how painful these shots are."

Besides carrying rabies, "four-legged, furry animals" pose other threats, according to Laycock.

These animals leave hair in rugs, blankets and crevices, which causes severe allergic reactions in some students.

As well, animals, particularly cats, spray their scent and deficate in public places. They carry fleas, and tend to scratch furniture.

Tom Granger, Residence Don, explained that steam cleaning, pest control and other costly ventures must be undertaken by administration to alleviate problems caused by pets.

Farewell to furry friends in residence

"It has turned out to be a very serious problem this year. We are going to a lot of effort to solve the problem as best we can." he said.

In previous years, there have been pets in residence. However, according to Jack Pickles, Residence Maintenance Officer, the number of pets, especially cats, has increased.

"I thought it was all right when residence had two cats, but now the population has blown out of proportion," explained Pickles.

According to Murray Parks, President of Students' Village Council (SVC), resident reaction to the proposal has been voiced.

Students feel that individual houses should decide the fate of pets.

As well, most pets are given shots, are clean, and add to residence life, wrote Parks in a memo circulated to the houses last week.

Some students expressed dissatisfaction with administration's decision.

"I don't think its fair. For a rule that's been around for that long, it seems ridiculous for them to enforce it now." said second-year student Sandra Mulligan.

"As long as pets are well kept, and any damage done repaired by the owner, I see no reason why pets cannot be kept," added first-year student Ginette Sautner.

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Fire Flares

Photo by Cathy Majtenyi

By Nad Barsoum

A small smouldering fire disrupted an otherwise peaceful Tuesday night at Scarborough Campus last week.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:45pm on October 20th in the back of a garbage truck parked in the underground service delivery entrance.

According to Staff Sergeant Harris, of Scarborough Campus Security the fire resulted "probably from a half lit cigarette butt or something." However, he added, "We don't really know for sure."

The fire alarm alerted the Scarborough Fire Department who arrived on the scene only to find the job done for them by the in-house sprinkler system. "The sprinkler system detected and quickly extinguished the blaze before any damage was done," said Harris.

Foreign Fees Unfair

From The Gazette (CUP)

Differential tuition fees for foreign students are hurting the world's poorest students and contributing to a narrow vision of education, according to the co-ordinator of a foreign students' resource group.

"We are advocating a parochial education system - we will not accept you if you can't afford it," said Karanja Njoroge, head of the International Students' Centre (ISC) at Dalhousie University.

Njoroge believes differential fees are keeping out students from under-developed nations. But many American, European, and Hong Kong youths can easily afford studying in Canada.

Tuition fees for foreign students vary greatly from province to province.

In Saskatchewan foreign students pay only $1,000 while in Ontario, fees can be up to $10,200 a year.

Foreign student enrollment in Canadian universities has decreased by 19.4% since 1982/83.

According to the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE), there were 35,155 foreign students studying in Canada last year.

That number is down 5.7% from the 1985/86 figure of 36,953.

The decline in enrollment "is linked absolutely to the rise in differential fees," said Monique Haggar, a CBIE researcher.

Njoroge doesn't understand why most Canadian universities have differential fees at all.

"We need a mix of local, regional and international people in order to avoid narrowness in our own perceptions," Njorge said. "There's no loss in economic terms unless you're charging those students $10,000."

International students are more likely to choose Quebec, Ontario, or Newfoundland universities because of special scholarships or lower fees, Njorge said.

The residents of francophone countries are exempted from higher tuition in Quebec.

Ontario has special assistance programs which cover most foreign students' fees, and Newfoundland's flat rate applies to all, regardless of nationality.

"No university belongs to any country. It is the essence of a university to seek knowledge, but not just the knowledge of Canada. It is universal knowledge." he added.

"If 400 students quit, the univesity would not spend any less money than it would spend anyway. They'd still have to buy the same amount of chalk.

Njoroge said the lack of cohesive provincial policies on international education (especially in Nova Scotia), is hurting those who can least afford it, and have the fewest alternatives.

He said the federal government has no comprehensive policy.

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FOR YOUR INFO

Scarborough Campus Pugwash & The Underground Presents

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Save The Rouge River Valley Information Bonanza on Thursday, Oct 29 in the Council Chambers from 4 to 6 p.m.

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Guest speakers:

Glenn de Baeremaeker (from Save The Rouge River Valley Corporation) and
Joyce Trimmer (Controller for Scarborough City Council)

U of T Women's
association presents an evening with Maraget Laurence. Her life and works on Wednesday, Nov 11 at 7 p.m. in Med Sci Building on King's College Circle. 3 films will be shown and all are welcome.

Neuroscience Club
Dr. Leo Lazar who will discuss "The Clinical Aspects of Neuropsychology." Wed. Oct 28 at 3pm in H-216. Everyone is welcome. Coffee will be served.

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Minority Rights
Thomas R. Berger, well-known human and native rights advocate, will discuss "Constitution, the Charter and Minority Rights in Canada". It will be held in the Meeting Place on Oct 30 at 8 p.m.

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The Latin American Club is having it's "Fiesta" on Friday, Nov 6 at 8 p.m. Try latin food and dance to merengue music all night long for only $2.00 in The Pub.

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Philosophy Club
Pub Nite in Faculty Lounge on Wednesday, Oct 28 at 8 p.m. All welcome. Video: "True Stories".

Scarboro Pugwash
presents Glenn de Baeremaeker and Joyce Trimmer. They will speak on Saving the Rouge Valley.

Amnesty International
group 122 invites you to a fundraiser Thursday, Oct 29 in the Student Village Centre at 7 p.m. Admission is a $5 donation to Amnesty for students, $10 for faculty which includes a hot dog, hamburger, salad and a cash bar.

Jewish Students Union
of Scarborough 1st event of the year. Falafel Brunch at the Meeting Place on Tuesday, Nov 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Career Seminars
Community Health on Wednesday, Oct 28 at 4 p.m. C.U.S.O. on Thursday, Nov 5 at 4 p.m. and Psychiatry on Wednesday, Nov 4 at 3 p.m.

Chinese Christian Fellowship
U of T CCF host a joint fellowship meeting with CCF from Scarborough, Erindale, York, Ryerson, Seneca & AFC. Program to be held on Oct 30 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Library Science Building (North of Robarts) in lecture theatre room.

SAC
at Scarborough

SAC Free Film 7 p.m. in S-319

Friday, Oct 30: **Hitchcock Double Bill**
North by Northwest/Dial M for Murder
Friday, Nov 6: **The Tin Drum**

SAC's Annual Sell-Out HALLOWEEN BASH

Saturday, Oct 31 at 8 p.m.

DJ Dance in the H-wing cafeteria
Costumes preferred - prizes
$2.00 at SAC Info Centre
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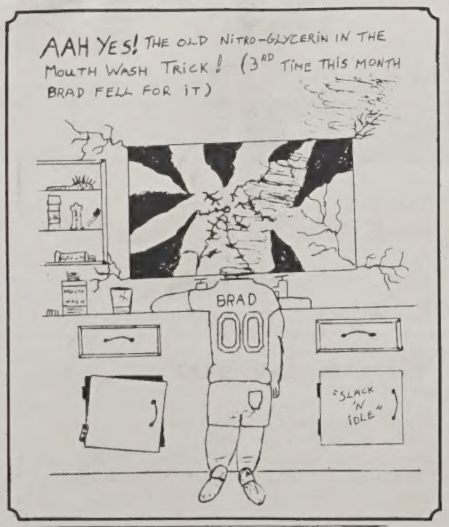

Cats

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Dianne Elinson, a first year student, supported administration's position.

"Administration should have the right to exclude pets much like the practice in apartment complexes," she said.

A referendum will be held on Wednesday, October 28th from 3:00pm to 8:00pm in the Students' Village Centre. Residents are encouraged to give their opinions on this matter.

NEWS

Election Time Again

By Chris Anderson

An increase in the number of candidates running for year representative (rep.) positions has resulted in Scarborough Campus Student Council (SCSC) by-elections.

"It's rare that we have a by-election for year representatives", said Hanif Sarangi, President of SCSC. "I've been here for five years and I can barely remember an election."

A total of fifteen students are vying for positions as first, second and third year reps.

In previous years these titles were acclaimed because not enough students applied, according to Sarangi.

Sarangi attributed this year's increased interest in Students' Council to Orientation Weekend, where candidates "became interested" in student politics.

He was impressed by the energy of the candidates. "It's strange that people are so enthusiastic. They're putting up posters and are giving speeches, which is almost previously unheard of." he said.

Last Monday, the candidates attended a forum in the Meeting Place where they gave brief speeches on the issues they would address if elected. The forum was organized by Steve Turner, Speaker for SCSC.

The major issue discussed was school spirit. Candidates outlined their plans on how they would increase the number of school activities.

Other issues addressed included: study space, involvement with downtown campus, The Pub, and sororities/fraternities.

The elections will be held October 27th and 28th from 9am to 7pm. Prospective voters must have their student I.D. to vote and are permitted only to vote for reps. in their own year.

There are four positions available to the seven students running for first year rep. The candidates are: Kurt Buchholz, Kim Clarke, Rajesh Dhurana, Jill Penny, Sonia Sabir, Jonathan Silver and Stacy Young.

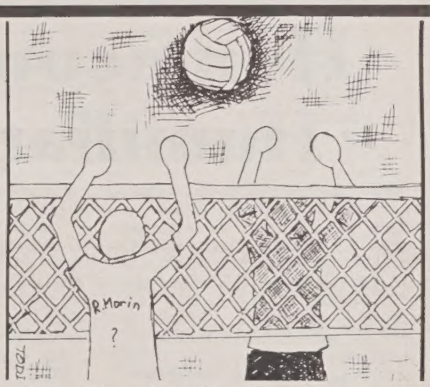
The five candidates running for the three second year positions are: Jeff Guthrie, Thomas Ho-Yu, Fil Mannguid, Jim Pantzos, and Georgette Zinanty.

James Lee, Jay LeMoine and Jeetender Singh Maph are contending for one third year position.

Year reps attend council meetings and voice students' concerns. Reps also help to coordinate activities within Students' Council, however, they receive no salary for their time and effort.

Photo by Peter Tomanen

The 2nd annual dating game once again proves to be a humorous success



The Martlet

Volleyball Marathon

By Byron Miki
Garth Smith

Last week a group of spirited athletes got together and played a 24 hour game of volleyball.

A strange way to spend a Friday night? Maybe, but this group of hard core volleyball hacks were not complaining. In a burst of true Scarborough spirit, approximately 18 students unselfishly sacrificed their bodies in a effort to raise money for Centenary Hospital's new Continuing Care Wing.

Corporate sponsors included Hurricanes Roadhouse, Deni's Pizza, and the Scarborough Campus Athletic Association. As well, each player scrambled together as many student sponsors as possible. Almost $1000.00 was raised and donations are still being accepted.

Throughout the event, the volunteers were well provided with food and cold refreshments. Except for a turned ankle , a few upset stomachs, and a broken flourescent light, the marathon went off without a hitch.

The volunteers wish to thank their sponsors, the cheerleaders, and most importantly to Taimo Pallandi, Director of Physical Education, who stayed throughout the marathon.

Students who wish to support can do so through purchasing caps, posters and other paraphenalia by contacting the SCAA office or Steven Phillips.

Rez Yearbook Resurrected

By David Berry

Remember that wild party at Residence Orientation Week? Did you get smashed at the booze mini-olympics? These, and other memories will be captured in a residence yearbook put out by the Student Village Council (SVC).

"We wanted to produce something that people will Brent Gabbani, Vice President of SVC.

Gabbani and Murray Parks, President of SVC, decided to bring back the yearbook.

"It (the yearbook) has been an idea in the constitution for a long time. We decided to go ahead with it this year," asserted Parks.

According to Parks, 110 of out 398 people surveyed, expressed an interest in having a yearbook.

The price of the yearbook will be in the range of $10 to $20, estimated George Spoljarich, a first year student who is responsible for collecting photographs and articles for the yearbook.

SVC will contribute $200 towards the cost of the yearbook if required. The costs of the yearbook are not yet known, according to Spoljarich.

He has established guidelines determining the content of the yearbook. It will only concern residences.

"We're going to try and stick to people in residences since the yearbook will only be sold to people residing in residences," added him.

Josten's Inc. will be printing the yearbook. They will be about 20 to 30 pages, "but more if there's a demand for them," said Spoljarich.

"It will probably be a hardcover, but will have to see how much funding we have," he continued.

Students in residence are encouraged to submit photos of residence events such as Orientation Week or various mini events to Spoljarich.

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EDITORIAL

Homecoming Humiliation

Of the hundreds of students who attended the annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, probably only a few noticed the absence of a Scarborough Campus entry. The students that did notice the empty space were likely from Scarborough, and, just like their non-existent float, they too likely went unnoticed.

It is sad that Scarborough students will meekly relegate themselves to the back of the cheering crowds, feeling thoroughly out of place at their own University's Homecoming Parade. But can you blame them? After all, their student government has not given them much to be proud of.

The Homecoming Parade is the climax of the annual U of T Open House Day. Every college, faculty, and department is represented in one way or another at this event. Student groups try to compete in float competitions, and winners are traditionally the ones with the most vitality and spirit.

The absence of any visible Scarborough contingent from this year's parade is an embarrassing smear on Scarborough's character. More specifically, as it is Scarborough Campus Students' Council (SCSC) responsibility to organize the building of an entry, it is to their discredit that Scarborough's float sank. Their disinterest, disorganization and incompetence clearly showed all who did participate that Scarborough does not consider itself to be a part of the U of T community as a whole, and as a result, the image of Scarborough Campus will suffer.

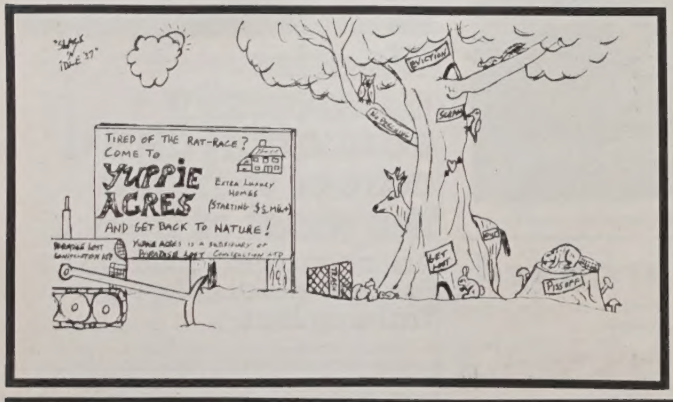
This year's student council was elected on a campaign aimed at raising spirit at Scarborough. Instead, we watch helplessly as a pathetic SCSC misses one of the few opportunities it has to prove to the entire U of T community that Scarborough does have spirit and enthusiasm.

The stigma of being "banished to the suburbs," as observed by Linda Frum has now been given added emphasis. Our lack of participation at Homecoming has further isolated us from the main campus, and has done nothing to diminish this stigma.

Scarborough students do not lack spirit; instead, it is SCSC which does. They have abandoned their constituents at a crucial time.

Students do not deserve this kind of inept leadership, and there can be no excuse for this appalling display of irresponsible student government. It takes very little money to build a float. Most of the supplies and equipment can be obtained at nominal cost. All that is required is a little time, energy and initiative.

The Scarborough Campus Students' Council should be condemned for not at least making an attempt to represent Scarborough at Homecoming. Scarborough students deserve an apology. Scarborough students deserve better performance from their elected student government.



Save The Rouge Valley

The Rouge Valley, located just three kilometres from Scarborough Campus is the most endangered natural wildlife site in Canada.

If a proposed plan is passed in Scarborough City Council, this valley will be re-zoned for luxury condominiums.

Condos are fine in themselves, but in this case they will be replacing a rare Carolinian forest - the most Northern Carolinian forest in Canada and the last wildlife area left in Metropolitan Toronto.

Carolinian forest are characterized by their rare and exotic plants and animals. Eagles, wild-tailed deer, screech owls, coyotes, trouts, great blue herons, black cherry and tulip trees are just a few of these endangered species.

However, land developers are blind to these natural gems. They would prefer the millions of dollars they will receive if they are given the go ahead to rape the land. Some politicians also support development. They would like to encourage wealthy residents into the area, and intend to reap the benefits of their hefty tax dollars.

Conservationists and naturalists, who have travelled from all over the world to experience the Rouge Valley, would like to see the land preserved, and made into a provincial park. Despite the financial gains from development, conservation is still the most logical plan for the city of Scarborough. Toronto is a booming urban centre, and park land is becoming a rare luxury for many of its inner core residents.

With industry sucking up resources and polluting the environment, a local wildlife oasis like the Rouge Valley is priceless, and should be preserved at all costs.

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With our new **stringently** inforced deadline we are, or were, back on schedule. Cathy cracked the whip and we all jumped. Except Byron, that is. Elizabeth has a new mystery lover...Sharon doesn't. Hey Sharon, let's start up a PMS clinic (persons marginally sexual). Zain and Vangie have aspirations, Zain to be god, Vangie to prove to profs she's no dough-head. All I can say is **GOOD LUCK!!!**

Letters

SCSC Defendant

Letter To The Editor:

After reading your "Letters to the Editor" section in last week's **Underground**, I have come to the conclusion that Manju Kakkar has lost her grip on reality. Someone should help that poor girl.

After establishing herself as an authority on Council activities because she has attended "one council meeting", she claims to be appalled at the goings-on of Council. If she had indeed read Council minutes which she claims to have done, she would have realized that our Spirit Committee has been active since the beginning of the school year (indeed, we had an advertisement in the same issue of **The Underground**), R-wing renovations has far from been "indefinitely postponed", and Scarborough will see a referendum as promised, paycuts for SCSC have been established and SCSC has given its full attention and support to the shuttle bus issue. It is SAC who is falling back on that promise. Last, but not least, Orientation Weekend attracted approximately 130 more students that last year's orientation weekend. How forgetful of you not to mention that minor point.

What I find really amusing is the fact that you neglect to mention that, it was you who resigned as Mr. Sarangi's opposition in last year's election, which caused such an "election fiasco." If you had indeed harboured these Mother Teresa feelings about "your" constituents, you would not have given up your position to, "that monster of a man" we like to call President.

As Cultural Commissioner, you were, in fact, part of last year's Council which allowed over $30,000.00 of students' money (in one year) to be lost somewhere in the abyss of bad leadership. By the way last year's auditors' report are available for **any** student to see.

Just think, by the same time last year your council had already lost over $15,000.00. Compared to your year, this year's Council has nowhere to go but up.

The fact that your criticism is based on one council meeting and only two months into the school year leads me to believe that perhaps this criticism is fueled by something more than just "student concern".

This leads me to conclude, therefore, that it is you, Ms. Kakkar who seems to be, as you so eloquently wrote, "a hypocrite of the finest quality".

Ruth-Claire Alinas
Communications Commissioner
SCSC 1987/88

Where's Leger?

Letter To The Editor:

Are we going to stand for any further embarrassment being brought to our campus as a result of our inadequate student council, especially by that of our Services Commissioner?

We have been reading for weeks about the sham of orientation. Should we continue to support this council which hasn't even brought us one event that is solely for the enjoyment of the students.? I think not!

Chris Leger has been given dozens of second chances, and the display at U of T Day namely - no float, is another fine example of this total lack of committment

I certainly **will not** support any payment to Chris Leger as a SCSC member. Rather I ask for his formal resignation, so that we can occupy his position with someone who is more interested in his job and the students than to the students and the council.

The council has "known for months of the upcoming U of T Day. There was a president's file on this subject, giving direction as to funding, donations, etc.

Did council even check their files? No! It seems to me that this year's SCSC is a **joke**. I certainly do not want my money going towards payment of these comedian's salaries.

How can SCSC expect us to have school spirit when they themselves lack the motivation necessary to initiate it.

The U of T disaster has only moved us closer to humiliation in the eyes of administration, and especially in the eyes of other colleges.

We are, in spite of ourselves, moving closer to the ideas behind "Linda Frum's Scarborough". It is the frosh who are losing faith, and for their sake, I request some action.

The students are missing out a lot, especially when compared to last year's events. It seems that everything Shawn Rabishaw (last year's Prez) and his council worked for has suddenly been forgotten.

Sarah Saso

Thanks

Letter To The Editor:

This year's Dating Game held last Friday was a success. In this regard I would like to thank the other members of the Political Science Association executive, the French Club executive especially John Albers who spun the discs and Steve Blue, who was mcee for their hard work. It would be inoppropriate not to thank the good-natured participants and the audience that cheered (jeered?) them on.

Chris MacKenzie
President of Scarborough
Campus Poli Sci Association

World Hunger: A Disgrace

By Robin Persaud

One of the most disgraceful facts about today's world is that every week, over a quarter of a million of the world's children die because of poor health and poor nutrition.

This fact becomes even more abhorrent when one realizes that most of these children are dying of ordinary illnesses - measles, diarrhoea, tetanus, whooping cough and respiratory infection - which are relatively easy and cheap to combat.

For example, many of the 4 million children who died because of diarrhoea dehydration could have been saved by a simple mixture of starch in water or sugar and salt in water. Additionally, many of the three and a half million who die each year from measles, whooping cough, deptheria, tetanus, polio and tuberculosis can be saved by immunization.

Fortunately though, the picture is not totally bleak for there exists many organizations which are trying very hard to put a dent into these horrific statistics. One such organization is UNICEF.

UNICEF, created in 1946 as the United Nation's International Children's Emergency Fund was originally established to aid the children in post-war Europe.

In the 1950's the original mandate was widened to include children of the developing world and the name was changed to the United Nation's Children's fund, though the original initials (UNICEF) were retained. In the years since 1946, UNICEF has time and time again acted as a champion of children's rights and international justice.

UNICEF's stratagy is to work with people rather than working for them; consequently, assistance is people-oriented. Assistance comes in the form of equipment, supplies and support for training. More specifically, between 1982 and 1986, UNICEF's maximum expenditures were in programmes directed at child health, water supply and sanitation, community and family - based services for children, formal and non-formal education, planning and project support and emergency relief.

UNICEF relies strictly on voluntary private and governmental contributions to survive. Approximately one fifth of UNICEF funding comes from the public. In Canada, revenue is generated by the sale of greeting cards and other items, the yearly Halloween campaign and donations. This work is done mostly by volunteers of which ther are 35000, and in children collecting on Halloween. This collection gives Canada on a percentage basis, the strongest UNICEF organization in the world. Additionally, the Canadian government and various provencial agencies provide support.

You can help UNICEF by donating your spare change during the Halloween campaign. There are boxes located in the bookstore, library, pub, photocopy centre, H-wing cafeteria and snack bar. You can also drop by the Meeting Place from October 26th to the 28th between the hours of 10am and 2pm to make your donations.

The Underground Gourmet

This is it - the time of year that every university student dreads: when what you thought was a year's supply of Kraft Dinner and frozen food just simply doesn't cut it.

It's not even Christmas yet, and your parents have grown tired of sending care packages from home, realizing they don't miss their "baby" as much as they though they would, and opting instead to cover your bookstore debts.

Your taste buds are begging for mercy, or for anything that doesn't come in a styrofoam package from a drive-thru window. And so it is that from **The Underground Gourmet** comes a culinary life-saver.

It's as easy to make as it is to fail first year Calculus, and for those on a budget (who's not) there are affordable substitutions provided in brackets.

Wham Bam Clam Chowder

Ingredients:

1 or 2 slices of bacon
2 tablespoon (tbsp) butter
2 green onions, chopped
(or 1 tbsp chopped cooking onion)
1 tbsp chopped parsley (the remaining of the bunch may be frozen for future use)
3 tbsp flour
2 tins baby clams
1 tbsp sherry or brandy (This is the wham bam. If unavailable use lemon juice.)
2 cups 10% cream (or 2½ cups milk, not skim)
½ cup milk
Pepper to taste
2 to 3 drops of tabasco
A dash of nutmeg
2 small peeled potatoes, diced

Method:

In a large pot (4 qt) cook the bacon until crisp. Remove bacon from pot, and add butter. Fry onions and parsley in butter and bacon grease at medium temperature until soft.

Remove from heat and add enough flour to make a thick paste. Drain the clams and slowly blend the reserve clam fluid into the flour/butter paste, a little at a time.

Return to heat and stir constantly. As the mixture to thicken, blend in first the sherry (or brandy, or lemon juice), then the milk and cream. It is vital that after this point the chowder does **not** boil - low heat and slow cooking is strongly urged.

Finally, add pepper, nutmeg, tabasco, clams and potatoes. If the potatoes are cut in 1 cm. cubes, you can avoid pre-boiling them, or, if you've a cup or so of leftover mashed potatoes in the fridge somewhere, use them up instead (this helps to thicken a "milk only" chowder).

Heat mixture thoroughly, (until potatoes are tender), dish it up and top with cooked bacon bits. Served with a green salad, this is a whole and balanced meal in itself. Enjoy your break from K.D.

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FEATURE

Refugee Student May Study At Scarboro

By Zahir Paryani

Berhanu Idris is, in his own words, "a man without a state, a man with no identity."

A soft-spoken individual with the tell-tale features of a North-East African, Idris draws an analogy: "Imagine that you are in a forest with your father. It is dark, and you are scared. But you know that no harm will come to you because you are with your father. Still, you are frightened, but you do not show it- this is what it means to be a refugee."

The newest addition to the student body at Scarborough College, Idris is a native of Eritrea, Ethiopia. Eritrea is the northern-most province of Ethiopia, and has been attempting to gain independance from that country since 1961.

Twenty-three years old, Idris left his hometown of Azmara for fear of being conscripted into either the Ethiopian Army or the Eritrean Liberation Front (E.L.F.). Fear for his life and the search for a promising future prompted Idris to leave his native land.

Idris expressed his ambivalence on leaving Eritrea: "Deep down I felt a sense of guilt, something in the distance was telling me, 'the road of a refugee is as long as you make it, why don't you come back and fight and if necessary, die for your own country.' But I did not go back. Maybe I am a coward or an opportunist, I do not know..."

To reach his destination in Sudan Idris undertook a 14 day journey on camel-back, leaving his parents and four sisters in Azmara. The illegal camel caravans run by nomads are expensive and dangerous.

Most of the travelling was done at night for fear of being discovered by the Army, or bands of the Eritrean Liberation Front. Idris re-calls the experience: "Those 14 days were the worst in my life. During the day the Savannah trees provided little protection against the sun, at night (we encountered) rain and thunderstorms. But worst of all was the fear and terror. We constantly heard the exchange of fire between the Ethiopian troops and our (Eritrean) fighters. Each hour passed like a day."

The gamble has paid off for Idris, who faced death, conscription or imprisonment if discovered.

Upon his arrival in Sudan, Idris enrolled at a school set up by the U.N. High Commission for Refugees. Supported in part by his sisters, Idris continued his studies at the U. N. sponsored school. "When the journey was over I was more sad than happy. It is then that I first realized what it means to be away from parents, friends, relatives and, above all beloved Eritrea."

In 1984, Idris modestly admits he was one of a handful of students admitted to the prestigious University of Khartoum. It was at this point that he discovered that there was a refugee re-settlement program, run by the World University Services of Canada (W.U.S.C.).

Idris admits that he was lucky to have applied to W.U.S.C. and to have been accepted. He adds, however, that "there are tens or even hundreds of student refugees who cannot resume their higher education and are waiting for a helping hand."

W.U.S.C. is an organization which has committees in every university in Canada. It is the job of the individual committees to get the university to waive tuition and residence fees, as well as to support the student being sponsored.

At Scarborough Campus, a committee composed of Ginette Dube, Claudie Gosselin and Beata Nowakowska worked through the summer in order to get the support needed to

Idris waited well over two years in anticipation of his visa to Canada. On October 7th Berhanu Idris arrived in Toronto and was received by his sponsors.

Idris' arrival signalled a set of different problems. No longer fearing for his life, the new student now has to contend with the frustrating bureaucracy of the Canadian government.

The Canadian embassy in Cairo issued Idris a "minister's permit" instead of "landed immigrant" papers. According to Gosselin, this was done in order to get Idris out of the country as quickly as possible.

As a result of his official status, Idris might have to wait 8 or 9 months before he receives the status of "landed immigrant".

Gosselin is surprised at Idris' current status. "This hasn't happened in 5 years. It is totally out of the ordinary."

Normally, WUSC and the Minister of Immigration grant the status of "landed immigrant" to refugee students so that they are able to attend school and work.

Scarborough Campus Administration agreed to waive Idris' original tuition fee. Because of his new status, the tuition waiver has had to be renegotiated.

Now, Berhanu is waiting patiently for his education, his work, and his life to come together.

"I am eager to just get settled in" stated Berhanu matter-of-factly. "WUSC is trying their best to get me through."

"Black Monday" - A Moment In History

By Ricardo Mashregi

Monday October 19, 1987 panic hit the NYSE. The Dow Jones- the measure of particular stock prices added together- fell over 508 points. Fear and greed were the cornerstones on this historic day, labelled by many as "Black Monday".

What happened? No one's quite sure, but many opinions have been formulated. In order to paint the best possible picture, one distinction should be made: The stock market works (ideally) on fundamental concepts originating from basic accounting principles (ie: debt-equity ratio, book value, etc.) all leading in the same direction: the monetary value of a company's outstanding shares. The ecomony, per se, is a complicated structure filled with politicians, interest rates, budget deficits, unions, balance of payments and so forth. The stock market and the economy are uniquely related.

In the past 7 years, the stock markets in New York and Toronto were experiencing a bull market, a market in which stock prices are constantly increasing. Over this period of time, rising stock values were perpetuated by positive media coverage, a disregard for fundamental market concepts and lenient loans by brokerage houses in the form of margining (ie: you put 20% of the total cost and the firms finance the rest, depending on your credit worthiness, and most importantly, the influx of new investors). This motivation of greed (brought out in potential profits) drove "share prices far in excess of what they were worth" commented Prof. Wolfe, a Commerce Professor at U of T's Scarborough Campus.

As for any confidence that might exist in the American economy, that government's policies were living on borrowed time. Their budget deficit estimated at 158 billion dollars for 1987 and a trade deficit to date at 114 billion dollars prompted higher interest rates. In order to finance its monetary position, the United States government borrowed directly from foreign investors. Coupled with higher military expenditures and the recent hostilities in the Persian Gulf, this borrowing policy added to the American's already precarious position causing fear. All of this took place at the door-step of the investment community.

In my opinion, the fall was triggered by two factors: Firstly, many foreign investors were in the position of merging and taking over existing companies to consolidate and expand their operations and therefore acquire a stronger financial base. Congress had just one week before putting forth a recommendation that a change to the tax merger acquistion and takeover laws be instituted. Major investors panicked at this proposed action. Fear of massive taxes became pervasive in the investment community, culminating in the selling of shares.

The second factor affecting the fall was program trading in which computer programs are developed as simple economic-matrix models to predict the behaviourisms of the market. The underlying problem of program trading lies in the idea that the programs themselves do not understand the market per se, but recognize patterns produced by the market and respond subsequently. Program trading is predominantly carried out by small firms that are responsible for trading blocks of equity (thousands of shares). On Monday morning, patterns/ trends developed in the market prompting trading by these computers. Like a vicious circle, the initial patterns caused by foreign investors attempting to consolidate and expand, were perpetuated by the program trading. In response, the programs exacerbated the patterns, resulting in a colossal selling of stocks.

Fortunately much of this frantic selling resulted in losses on paper rather than in cash itself. For example, if you purchased a stock for $5, its price increased to $10, and it then dropped back to $5. Realistically, you have not lost any cash, however, that potential $5 of profit is lost on paper.

Nevertheless, this whole ordeal has forced the brokerage firms to reconsider their positions. David Byart, Manager of Retail Sales Training and Development for Richardson Greenshields anticipates a move "back to the basics, re-evaluating personal profits in the form of looking at the client's investment needs and objections, and what appropriate investment vehicles they should be placed in" for the future. Previously 70-80 per cent of investments were in stocks. Other investment objective alternatives he explained, can be directed towards security in the form of bonds, treasury bills, tax shelters to protect profits, and long-term growth portfolios.

Prof. Wolfe expressed the hope that "the average consumer will not panic by limiting his purchases of products, and that the foreign investors will remain in the market place." If this ideal remains intact then maybe when the smoke clears, the fear and greed predominant in Monday's fall will be replaced by prudent financial principles and cautious investment decision making. However this, too, remains to be seen...

ENTERTAINMENT

Sicillian's Soul Left On Floor

By Bruce Macpherson

Michael Cimino's **The Sicilian** has all the ingredients of a great film: one of the most accomplished directors in American cinema, a stupendous cast with a world of theatrical and film experience, and a gripping story about one of the most romantic figures in modern history - all set against the beautiful backdrop of the Sicilian mountains.

With all these things going for it you have to wonder what went wrong.

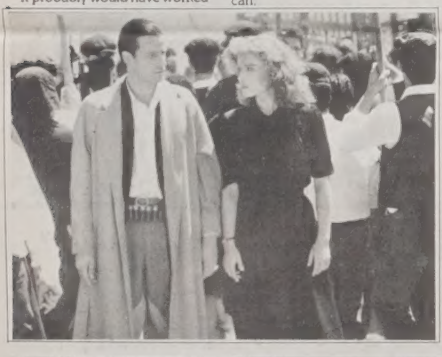
Cimino seems to enjoy the freedoms one is given in long, double length features. He directed **Heaven's Gate**, the $40 million box-office bust which is now widely recognized as a masterpiece. I cannot help thinking that he wanted to do something similar with **The Sicilian**, that is, make a four-hour movie. Unfortunately, some hack editor must have jumped him on his way home one night and haphazzardly chopped the thing in half.

It probably would have worked in a longer form. As it is, however, the film meanders here and there and never goes anywhere.

The story is a fictionalized account of the life of Salvatore Guiliano (Christopher Lambert) taken from the novel by Mario Puzo. Guiliano was a Sicilian rebel with some very romantic notions about himself (at one point comparing himself to Alexander the Great). He apparently wanted to wrest control of Sicily from the combined powers of the Church, the State and the Mafia so that he could secede from Italy and join America.

He is aided in his ludicrous endeavors by the belief that his visions of a free Sicily have been ordained by God. He also gets a helping hand from Sicily's most powerful Mafia boss, Don Masino (Joss Ackland), who wants to adopt Guiliano as his son.

But all of his dreams collapse under a series of betrayals and Guiliano becomes a typical vanquished hero, trying to save as much of his reputation as he can.



Evidence that we are seeing only half the movie is everywhere. There is precious little character development and quite often we are introduced to a character who seems to be important and then they're forgotten. The opening scene, for example, focuses for a long time on a striptease by the Duchess of Crotone (Barbara Sukowa) on her way to the bath. While she is in the bath Guiliano rushes into her courtyard and grabs one of her horses. She jumps out of the bath to see what is going on and the two exchange passionate stares before he races off. The obvious intention of the rather long scene is to show the romantic attraction between the rebel and the Duchess, but it is never sufficiently developed.

There are, however, one or two performances which really stand out; Guilia Boschi, in her first American feature, is stunning as Guiliano's peasant wife. She plays the role with penetrating simplicity and steals every scene she's in.

Other notable performances come from Richard Baver and John Turturro. Baver, an accomplished stage actor, plays Professor Hector Adonis, Guiliano's godfather and mentor. Turturro plays Guiliano's friend, Aspanu, who ends up murdering the fearless rebel as he is fleeing from his crumbling empire to America.

By far the most impressive performance comes from the Island of Sicily itself. The scenery is magnificent from the mountains, to the ancient towns, to the city of Palermo. The audience is provided with a visual feast well worth the price of admission.

Provocative Danceworks

By Lisa Burley

Danceworks, the non-profit organization of the development of Canadian performing arts, pulled the curtain up on another superb, avante-garde presentation last week at the Winchester Theatre in Cabbagetown.

There were two performances that were similiar in genre, but contrasting in theme and mood. This gave the evening a good sense of balance.

First in the program came Toronto's independent choreographer Conrad Alexandrowicz, with Sylvain Brochu in **Boys Will Be Men**. While their ears met Led Zepplin, the audience's eyes met a form of dancing that portrayed the repressive dynamics that men display between one another. Their dance told the story of power plays, insecurities, and frustration.

The theatre-dance genre is a union of text and dance. The sensations derived from this relationship differ from what either one, alone, can offer.

This form is brought to a full ripeness in the second performance by Blue Palm, with Jackie Planeix and Tom Crocker. **Amour**, hot and racy with a humorous and somewhat eruditious text, trips and flows in harmony and syncopation within a sensual, fast-paced dance.

French, Spanish, English, bizarre acapella, and poetry and prose with tricky rhythms and clever rhymes marked the vocals. Good use was made of undulating voice tones and facial expressions. These features were animated by the artistically provocative dancing styles of Planeix and Crocker. All quite cosmopolitan and very contemporary, **Amour** presented a texture of fragmented thoughts, various images and exotic metaphors - all about love.

This performance lasted for an hour, and was presented in ten continuous texts ranging from Amour Latino to the Romeo and Juliet Suite. Creative, passionate, and sophistocated are the adjectives that surrounded these two artists of 'nouveau cabaret'.

Blue Palm is based in Paris and is currently on North American tour. They are hot from the stages of New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Their Canadian premiere of **Amour** is definitly something to see.

Danceworks continues this season, confident that upcoming events will remain on Toronto's cultural frontier. "Follow Us to the Fringe" is their logo, so stay tuned in and see for yourself.

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A "Sound" Purchase

By Brian Parenteau

In our age of heightened consumer awareness, we must know how to get the most of our hard earned dollars.

Buying a home audio system is no easy task; what with compact disc (CD), digital audio tape (DAT), cassette tape, and LP formats available on the market, how do you put together a reasonably priced starter system which can accommodate new technology as it advances?

Audio primer tip #1

Pick a price range. $1000, $1500, or $2000, any of which will do fine. The determining factor is "How much do I want this to sound like live music?" Your ears, those wonderful analogue, not digital instruments, are the best judge of this. No matter how tone deaf you think you are, you **can** tell the difference.

To some, the more money you put into a home audio system the more sound you get out of it. Sound or loudness, yes, but it may not be resolving find detail found in the recording, thus robbing you of full musical appreciation. $10,000 systems do not always sound better than $2,000 systems.

Audio primer tip #2

Spend a minimum of 40%, perferably 50% on your source component (LP, CD, Tape Deck, or DAT). Not unlike computers, garbage in, garbage out. No sense listening to your $1,000 speakers produce a fraction of total available music by buying a "Longines Symphonette" record player. The choice of the format is an important point.

CD or DAT is getting a lot better, but the LP is too. Contrary to popular belief, the 400,000,000 turnatables and over 7,000,0000,000 LPs in existence worldwide did not undergo molecular transformation into CD players and discs when Sony and Phillips introduced the technology. This stuff is still good!

The budget audiophile knows this and is glad to have the benefit of the latest "CD fighter" turntable design improvements. With a $400 turntable plus $100 for a phono cartridge, one can have a source that rivals compact disc. Yes, there is surface noise, or pops and clicks occasionally, but you would be surprised at listening to what a $500 turntable can do; how those noises are reduced and how much more music is brought out of the groove when compared to a $200 turntable.

CD is neat, but when you can buy three albums for the price of one CD, the safest bet is that the consumer is not the one who will get rich before the record companies do.

The second consideration is that the audio system is a chain of components only as strong as its weakest link. The electronic components in between the source (pre-amp and amp) and speakers, should be of good quality, without many gadgets - keep it simple.

A multitude of IC's, lights, compensation circuits, or remote controls do not improve sound, but degrade it. Wattage or amp power is not the most important consideration. Music reproduced faithfully and accurately by moderately powered components will satisfy the needs of the budget audiophile. Spend no more than 30% of your budget on pre-amp and amp and the balance on a set of speakers.

Audio primer tip #3

Take your budget and your new-found philosophy to a reputable high-end audio dealer in your community. Tell him how much you have to spend and how you want to spend it. Have him sit you down and play these components for you.

Take along records that you are familiar with. Listen to the way the music is presented. Is it lifelike? Do the instruments sound as they should? Is the sound fatiguing or pleasing?

Do not rule out the purchase of used equipment since audio components depreciate at an alarming rate. Take the time and do it right the first time. Much happy listening!

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SPORTS

Blues Lose

The Varsity Blues were defeated by the Macmaster Marauders 24-21 at last Saturday's homecoming game. The 200 students that turned out for the game on a rainy afternoon were disappointed as The Blues lost their last game of the season.

Photo by John Arnold

Sports Shorts

Field Hockey

The Interfac field hockey team just isn't what it used to be. Last year, Scarborough lost in the Interfac finals by one penalty shot against SMC. This year, with only one game left in the regular season, the team has no wins to its credit, losing last week to SMC 2-0.

"They were a pretty rugged team," said player/coach Kathy Groves, "we were bashed pretty good." It helped that SMC had 15 players to Scarb's 7.

Actually, Groves added, Scarborough only had 6 players, and no goalie, because no referees were available. "They won't come out to Scarborough for field hockey," she explained, "so I had to referee."

The team plays its last game this Thursday at 7:30 against Rehab. at the downtown's Front Campus North.

Women's Ice Hockey

Just when you thought it was safe to say Scarborough Campus doesn't have a girl's ice hockey... **It's back!**

Scarborough, under the helpful guidence of coaches Randy Thomas and Norm Norris, played to a 1-1 tie with rival Erindale in the team's first pre-season game last Thursday. The team then continued on to defeat Victoria College in its second game with a joyous score of 3-1.

Deanne "the wall" Evans', spectacular goaltending kept the opposing teams to a minimal 2 goals.

The team and coaches are proud of the record of 1-0-1 in the pre-season play. "The team is off to a promising start" coach Thomas said, "I'm looking forward to a successful season."

"Fan support would be appreciated", he added, "so come out and cheer the girls on."

By Julie Stockwell

Scarborough (Scarb) goalie played well, but not well enough to make up for the lack of hustle by Scarb's Interfac "B" hockey team. They tied their first game against Erindale 2-2, but lost last Monday night to Meds 2-1. Scarb's goal was scored by Derek Hotta. The team will try again for their first win on Wednesday, Oct 28 at 7 p.m. at Varsity Arena against SMC "B".

Flag Football

The Interfac flag football team suffered their first loss in the '87 season last Tuesday, falling to SMC 6-0. The touchdown was scored late in the game when a Scarb pass was intercepted and then run into the endzone on a series of lateral passes by SMC that rendered Scarb defenseless. "It was a really good game," said Scarb player Claire Berube, "but we just couldn't get anything offensively going."

Meds Maul Scarboro

Photo by Ann Byford

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"Crash and burn... it wasn't pretty."

These were the words used to describe the Scarborough Interfaculty (interfac) "A" Basketball team's performance against Medicine (Meds) last Wednesday night.

Scarborough (Scar) was blown away 76-40, giving them a 0-2 record so far this year.

Only three years ago, Scar's "A" Basketball team won the interfac championship. This year, coach Neil Winton is trying hard to make the playoffs after a two year absence.

"But," he warns, "I need everybody (on the team) out, and guys who are willing to work hard, not just in practices, but in games too."

As though it was not bad enough that the Scar team was missing 2 of its 4 veteran players, Meds played well, executing passing plays precisely, and taking advantage of an unchallenging Scar zone.

By the second half, Scar was down 24-34, and certainly not out of it... yet. Going from bad to worse, Scar gave up control of the boards, being doubled in rebounds by Meds.

As well, over compensating in an offensive effort, Scar gave up numerous two one one and two on none breaks. Meds effectively capitalized on these opportunities.

"We gotta get more cohesive," said Winton after the game. Hopefully that will be soon.

When asked "Who's tough this year?", Winton could only reply, "Everybody we play."

Intramural Football Update

By Chick Dunigan
(Bill McConkey is on vacation)

This reporter had thought he'd seen it all. He was wrong. Intramural Football will never be the same. At least, not for a while.

The Citizens For Responsible Drive Reduction, sporting one of the best defences in years (allowing only six points in their first three games), were crushed by the mighty aerial attack of the Significant Figures. Led by the superb play of co-player of the week Shelley O'Reilly, the Figures counted four second half touchdowns en route to a 62-7 victory.

"It tends to make one consider a career in another field, perhaps stenography," dejected Citizens captain Bill McConkey admitted. McConkey required minor sedation after the game, but was able to leave the field without assistance.

In other AFL action, a gutsy team effort enabled D.F.W.U. to capture its first victory of the season as it defeated AACSA 12-7. Meanwhile, top place Nads were heavenly, blasting No Hope in Hell 28-0, while Garth Smith's Campers won their match by default.

The NFL's B.B.O. had plenty to drink about this week, as they doubled the league-leading Spread Eagles 24-12. Both the Darth Vaders and Smurfs won their matches by default, while a solid defensive effort allowed the Dirtbags to hang on to a 18-6 victory over No Names.

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Meet the six women who make up the Scarborough Women's Interfac Tennis Team. In the only competition of the team's season, they won the Interfac Championship for Scarborough in impressive style, losing only 1 out of 24 sets, and winning the majority of those over scores of love or one. For their effort, (photo from left to right), Carolyn Atchinson, Michelle Kunde, Wendy Dorn, Colleen Devine, Kristine Kangas,and Linda Arthur have been given Athletes of the Week honours. Congratulations.

Aerobics: More Than A Craze

By Katherine Granger

Fitness! Everybody's into it, wanting to attain that trim and toned body. Today's "fitness fad" has now become a multi-million dollar industry. Men and women both have been investing large sums of money in health clubs, sports and footwear, all in stride with feeling and looking good.

Aerobics is one excellent way to keep fit. It tones muscles, strengthens the heart, increases circulation, and flexibility, improves coordination and most importantly, aerobics is fun.

There are also psychological benefits provided by aerobics such as an increase in self-image, improved mental functioning, a reduction of tension and anxiety, and an increase in motivation and self-discipline.

Aerobics consists of several parts: the warm-up, the cardiovascular workout, followed by muscle conditioning and finally, the cool-down.

The warm-up is an essential start to any exercise, and requires more than just a few stretches.

A warm muscle, as you may already know, is more easily stretched than a cold muscle, so warm-ups help prevent injury.

The newest warm-up method begins with a short cardio-vascular workout that anticipates the exercises to follow. Natasha Teeson-Cooke, a teaching master of Leadership and Health Promotion at George Brown College in Toronto, emphasizes that although "static stretches are still a part of the warm-up... a (prior) circulatoray warm-up is necessary for stretching to be efficient."

The warm-up should include large, controlled muscle movements, such as swinging of the arms and walking.

The second part of an aerobic workout focuses on cardiovascular work, concentrating specifically on stamina, strength and coordination in order to condition the heart muscle. It is important to incorporate a part of the new warm-up method into a slight cool-down period after the cardiovascular workout, in order to slowly bring the heartrate down. This section of a one-hour aerobic class usually lasts from 17 to 20 minutes, and you will find that with each time you attend an aerobics class, your endurance will noticeably improve.

The next stage of an aerobics class is muscle conditioning. It consists of stomach, leg and arm work, helping tone and strengthen those muscles. This portion of the class continues for approximately 20 minutes.

Finally, there is a cool-down, consisting of specific muscle group stretches that include the hamstrings, quadriceps, calves, shins and the gluteus muscles.

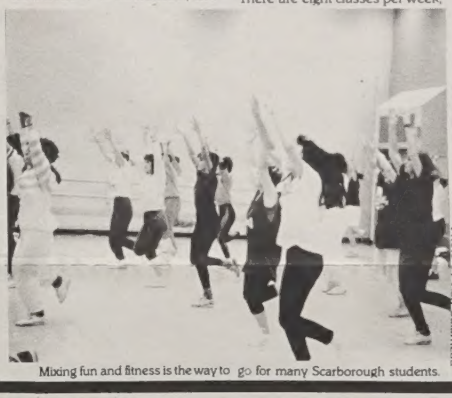
Combined with good, loud music, aerobics is fun. With regular attendance you will feel great both physically and psychologically, a noticeable change known as the "training effect".

Scarborough Campus offers an excellent aerobics program. There are eight classes per week, and one low impact class- a form of aerobics incorporating no running or jumping.

A number of instructors, each with a great deal of experience and trained through the Fitness Ontario Leadership Program, gives you a choice of what style may suit you best. No matter which instructor you choose, each believes in results!

Why not give it a try? It's a fun way to get fit, and the results are priceless!

For information on an aerobics class that fits your schedule, see the bulletin board outside of R-2252.



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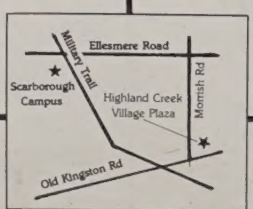

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Then bright light appeared
and as I looked directly above me
I squinted at the brilliant fire that illuminated the sky
yet still, I pushed on.

It was a beautiful sight
With the birds hovering over me,
guiding me along the path that so many
others took before me.

The horizon was indistinguishable
as I glanced ahead of me
and behind me, I marvelled at the distance
I had swam.

The waters became less friendly
and the birds became scarce.
A cool wind carried a whispering voice
beckoning me to the shore now in sight.

I struggled to swim to the horizon
as the crashing waves around me roared.
Helplessly, I submerged again and again
to avoid the continual attack.

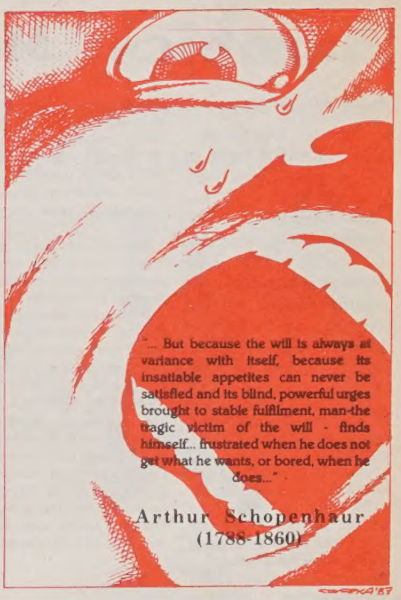
With a final effort to reach the land,
I summoned my strength and pushed on
through the darkness, fighting for every stroke,
reaching out in a desperate attempt
to escape the enemy.

Then suddenly, my sanctuary was almost within reach
and I breathed an exhausted victorious sigh
knowing that soon I would be saved
from the monstrous being.

The enemy retreated slowly and a disturbing
air of silence presented itself.
I looked to the shore, then behind me to the terror
I had just departed from and quickly realized
that I yearned for the sea and the chance
to fight once more.

I turned
The waves were now ignoring me.
I tried to invite myself in again, but could not.
My leadened feet were planted firmly & slowly
I could feel a force drawing me into the shore.
I struggled, fiercely trying to shake it off
but it persisted and encroached me like a spider's web,
delighting in another victory.
The waves subsided, tranquility engulfed the night
I knew I could never get back...

~ Atile


"... But because the will is always at variance with itself, because its insatiable appetites can never be satisfied and its blind, powerful urges brought to stable fulfilment, man-the tragic victim of the will - finds himself... frustrated when he does not get what he wants, or bored, when he does..."
Arthur Schopenhaur
(1788-1860)

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